

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Robert Fichter
DOCKET NO.: 06-20304.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-33-420-035-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Robert Fichter, the appellant, by attorney Julie Realmuto of McCarthy & Duffy, Chicago, Illinois; and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property is a 79-year old, one and one-half story style dwelling of masonry construction. According to the appellant, the dwelling contains 1,968 square feet of living area with a full, unfinished basement. The board of review claims that the dwelling contains 2,290 square feet of living area with a full, unfinished basement.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. The appellant submitted for consideration four comparable properties described as one-story or one and one-half story masonry dwellings that are between 54 and 84 years old. On the appellant's map, the comparables are all located near the subject property. The comparables contain from 1,982 to 2,369 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments ranging from \$14.42 to \$16.72 per square foot. According to the appellant, the subject's improvement assessment is \$19.65 per square foot, which is based on 1,968 square feet of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's final assessment was disclosed. The board of review presented four comparable properties consisting of one and one-half story masonry dwellings that are between 78 and 80 years old and are located near the subject property. The dwellings contain from 1,827 to 2,059 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments ranging from

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds no change in the assessment of the property as established by the Cook County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND:	\$	7,600
IMPR.:	\$	38,672
TOTAL:	\$	46,272

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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\$14.42 to \$21.14 per square foot. According to the board of review, the subject's improvement assessment is \$16.89 per square foot, which is based on \$2,290 square feet of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. The Illinois Supreme Court has held that taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessment valuations by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989). After an analysis of the assessment data, the Board finds the appellant has not overcome this burden.

The appellant claims that the subject property has only 1,968 square feet of living area and no basement but presented no evidence to substantiate this claim. The board of review provided the property characteristic sheet for this property which indicates that it has 2,290 square feet of living area and a full, unfinished basement. Consequently, the Board finds the range established by the most similar comparables contained in this record is \$14.42 to \$21.14 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$16.89 per square foot of living area falls within this range. Three of the appellant's comparables and the four comparables submitted by the board of review were the most similar to the subject in age, location, and physical characteristics. One of the comparables submitted by the appellant was also used as a comparable property by the board of review. These comparables received the greatest weight in the Board's analysis. After considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' comparables when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's per square foot improvement assessment is supported and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.



Chairman



Member



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Member



Member

DISSENTING: _____

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: April 25, 2008



Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.